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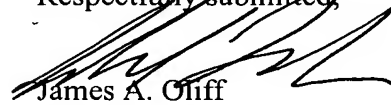
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- ☒ 3. Reference 1 corresponds to CN 1210287 A, which is cited in the attached English-language foreign Office Action. Accordingly, a copy of the Chinese reference is not attached.

- ☒ 4. JP-A-2002-304102, which is also cited in the attached English language foreign Office Action, was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 27, 2006.

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